



## **DX bulletin 491**

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## **News**

### **3Y0J Bouvet island -updates**

#### **Update January 12**

Team departed Brize Norton at 0148z arriving D4 at 0740z for fuel stop.

#### **Update January 11**

Just for info, the flight to Port Stanley, Falkland Islands is scheduled to depart RAF Brize Norton just after 0100z on January 12th.

#### **Update January 6**

The captain estimates the trip to Bouvet could take 11-14 days. If the team departs on January 14th, they will look to arrive sometime between January 25-28th. Probably they will spend a few days in total to go ashore and set up camp / operating area. Worst case scenario, they may have to wait one week before attempting to disembark. So, in theory, at the moment they hope to begin operations sometime between January 27th and February 4th. Vessel tracker is [here](#).

***PS: DX-World, together with Daily DX, is delighted to be chosen as official media publisher for the 3Y0J DXpedition. We will closely work with the Pilot stations and of course the 3Y0J team, including media officer @N2AJ to give out accurate info.***

### **FT8WW Crozet Island –update January 11**

The G5RV antenna has been taken down as strong winds expected during the night. There will be no activity tonight on 20/30. QRV on 15m until band dies.

FT8WW has been validated for DXCC credit. OQRS open soon

### **VK9MTO Norfolk Island – now QRT, the story**

Arrived on 29/12/2022 at the beginning of a storm with heavy winds but at least no rain. On 30/12 I had to change accommodation since it was not suitable for me. The new place was not exactly suitable for radio communication though.

The storm got worse on 31/12 with even stronger winds and heavy rain. It was impossible to assemble any portable antenna outside. On 01/01/2023 the weather was the same as the day before, i.e., not practical / safe to operate the radio or even step outside the hotel room.

Things got better on Monday, 02/01 and finally could go out to do some sightseeing. I only could operate the radio on the 04/01 and 05/01, with my Chameleon portable antenna assembled on the garden behind my room and FT8 (only managed 20m and 10m). Total contacts = 83 with 12 DXCC.

It's disappointing however this is what I could do under the circumstances I was in. I will upload the QSL data to QRZ, LOTW and Club Log and of course paper QSL's are available on request.

### **FO0AAA Clipperton Island –by ON4WW**

Twelve ham radio operators visited Clipperton Island in March 2000. The official 'FO0AAA Clipperton Island' video is produced by James Brooks, 9V1YC and available for free [here](#).

Before the official video was released, I was asked to do presentations of this trip in local and foreign ham radio clubs. Frank ON1ACV helped me out to quickly produce a VHS video out of my own raw footage (Hi-8 film).

Twenty-two years after date, I started contemplating about digitizing this video. Frank – once more – and with the help of Tijs, came to the rescue. The VHS video master tape had become almost unusable. Luckily there was another usable tape, but the musical score had to be

completely redone. Thanks Frank and Tijl! Full story <https://www.dx-world.net/fo0aaa-raw-footage-video/>

### Isle of Rockall, EU-189 –update by Nobby G0VJG

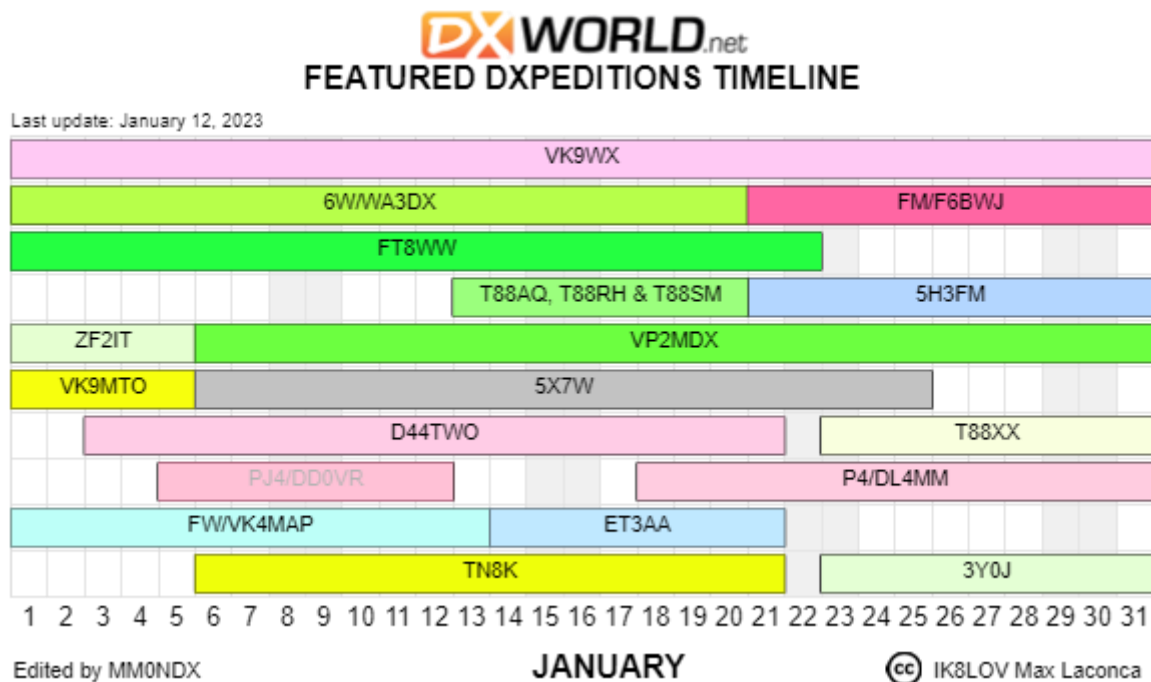
Contract signed – we sail for Rockall on 26th May 2023. We will do our best to give as many people as possible IOTA EU-189.

For info, the yacht the team will sail in is called “Taeping” – find out more about her on this [page](#).

### ZD7 Facebook Group

ZD7-St Helena Island now has its own Facebook group for amateur radio. The aim of the group is to assist travellers to the remote island with information, places to operate, resources on the island, how to easily obtain a ZD7 callsign prior or during your visit, as well as info for guides to assist with SOTA hikes. To join the group visit [here](#).

## DXCC timeline



## DXCC

### This week on air

**This can change daily, please visit <https://www.dx-world.net/> for updates.**

**3Y, BOUVET** 3Y0J is a team of 13 international amateur radio operators will be operating from Bouvet Island with the goal of making over 200K QSOs. The Dxpediton will start its journey in the Falkland Islands, and the team anticipates sailing for 12 days through the treacherous waters of the South Atlantic Ocean before setting up camp, and operating from Bouvet Island for 22 days. At the conclusion of our Dxpediton, the team will then sail another 12 days to the end point of the Dxpediton: Cape Town, South Africa.

**5X, UGANDA** Anders, SM0HPL is operating from Kampala until January 23 as 5X7W. QSL via M0OXO, Club Log OQRS, LoTW.

**6W, SENEGAL** Earl, WA3DX is operating as 6W/call until January 20. Operation using FT8 as Dakar - 6W1/WA3DX Mbao - 6W7/WA3DX Kaolack and Saloum Islands (AF-045) - 6W6/WA3DX. QSL via WA3DX direct, LoTW.

**8P, BARBADOS** Chris, WA7RAR will be active as 8P9CB from Sea Cliff Cottage between January 13 and January 25. Operation from 20 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

**A7, QATAR** Tony, RN1B is QRV as A75GC from Doha until end January. QSL via RW3RN, direct or bureau.

**C5, GAMBIA** Andre, ON7YK is once again active as C5YK until February 24. Operation during his spare time on 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via LoTW, home

call.

**D4, CAPE VERDE** Oliver DJ5QW is operating as D4CW and D44DX until January 18. QRV from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via bureau.

**D4, CAPE VERDE** Harald, DF2WO is once again active as D44TWO until January 21. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, FT8 and QO-100. QSL via M00XO OQRS.

**ET, ETHIOPIA** Look for Ken K4ZW, Bob W9XY and Nodir EY8MM as ET3AA during January 14 and January 21. Operation on HF using various modes. QSL via N200.

**FM, MARTINIQUE** Francis, F6BWJ is QRV as FM/call during January-March. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW, PSK and RTTY. QSL via LoTW.

**FT/W CROZET ISL** Thierry, F6CUK is active as FT8WW. For most recent updates I refer to <https://twitter.com/crozet2022> or the DX-World website. <http://crozet2022.r-e-f.org/>

**FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA** Darren, VK4MAP will be active in 'holiday-style' as FW/call during the first half of January 2023. Activity on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB only. QSL via home call.

**HC, ECUADOR** John, N9EAJ is active as HC1FIT from Otavalo. QRV until January 22 from 40 to 10 meter using mostly SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**HR, HONDURAS** Gerard, F2JD is once again operating as HR5/call until March 13. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, direct or buro.

**P4, ARUBA** Mathias, DL4MM will once again be active as P4/call and P40AA between January 18 and February 2, 2023. An entry in the CQ 160CW contest is included as P40AA. Focus on the low bands and WARC using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via DL4MM.

**P4, ARUBA** Jeff, VA3QSL is active in 'holiday-style' as P4/call until February 8. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via QRZ.com.

**PJ4, BONAIRE** Heli DD0VR and Bigi DE3BWR are operating until January 13. Operation on HF using low power. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau.

**T8, PALAU** JA6EGL/T88SM, JH6WDG/T88AQ and JR6DRH/T88RH will be active from the VIP Guest Hotel, Koror during January 13-20, 2023. QRV from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via each operators instructions.

**TN, CONGO** The CDXP group is active as TN8K until January 20. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QO-100 also. Based on the local internet availability, they plan to use Club Log Live Stream wherever it will be possible. Live Stream link [here](https://www.cdxcz/). <https://www.cdxcz/>

**TR, GABON** Roland, F8EN is active as TR8CR until mid-March. Active from 30 to 10 meter using CW. QSL via F6AJA.

**VK9W, WILLIS ISL** Sands, VU2WXW is operating as VK9WX until end April. <https://www.qrz.com/db/VK9WX>

**VP2M, MONTSERRAT** Thaire, W2APF is once again QRV as VP2MDX until March 31. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW or via home call.

**VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL** Tom, N2TSR is operating as VP2V/call until January 15. Operation on 20 and 10 meter. QSL via home call.

**Caribbean tour by Francesco, IZ7KHR**

**FM, MARTINIQUE** FM/call Jan 12

**FG, GUADELOUPE** FG/call Jan 13

Operation in 'holiday-style' using SSB and FT8 QRP. QSL via home call.

## Coming up soon

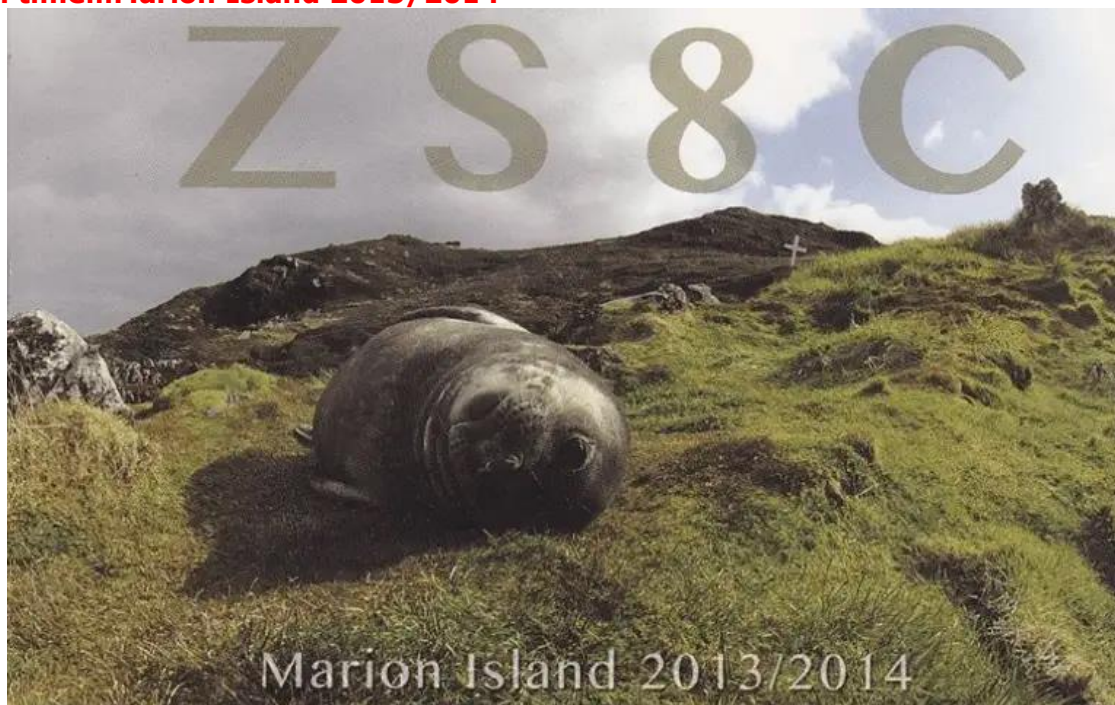
**5H, ZANZIBAR** Ferdy, HB9DSP will again be operating as 5H3FM between January 21-31, 2023. Operation mainly on 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

**FG, GUADELOUPE** Herve, F5HRY will be active from Marie Galante Island as FG/call between January 19 and February 2, 2023. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB.

**T8, PALAU** A Japanese team with JH3LSS (T88DK), JA3HJI (T88DN), JA3IVU (T88ED), JA3ARJ (T88EF) & JA3AVO (T88MB) will be active during January 23-31, 2023. QRV from 160 to 10 meter using all modes. QSL via homecalls.

**VE, CANADA** Chris VE3FU / VO2AC and Dave VE3KG / VO2AAA will be active from The lighthouse at Point Amour, Labrador (Zone 2, WWL GO11nl) between January 25 and January 30. Main operation will be during the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest as VO2AC. Outside the contest they sign on 160, 80, 40 and via satellite. QSL VO2AC via LoTW or VE3FU (direct or bureau); QSL VO2AAA via LoTW or direct to VE3KG.

**Back in time...Marion Island 2013/2014**



## **IOTA**

### **This week on air**

#### **ASIA**

**AS-015 Penang Isl** Rich, PA0RRS is active as 9M2MRS from Penang Island (AS- 015), West Malaysia until March 29. He operates CW (most of the time "no split") and digital modes (RTTY, FT8 and FT4) on 40-10m. On FT8, he says, if there are too many callers he will switch to F/H on 7056, 10131, 14084, 18095, 21084, 24911, 28091 kHz. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), LoTW, or via PA0RRS.

### **Coming up soon**

#### **AFRICA**

**AF-019 Lampedusa Isl** A large team with S51V, S52OT, S54W, S56N, S57DX, S59A, S50O and S50X will be active as IG9/S59A from January 23 until January 31, 2023. An entry in the CQWW 160 CW is included. Outside the contest operators sign as IG9/calls on all bands and all modes.

#### **ASIA**

**AS-079 Miyako Isl** Take, JS6RRR (also JI3DST/6, JJ5RBH/6 & JR8YLY/6) will be active from Miyako-jima AS-079 during January 24 to March 7, 2023. QRV from 80 to 6 meter using SSB/CW/FM/RTTY/JT65 using various calls above on different modes. Participation in CQWW CW contest as JS6RRR. QSL via QRZ.com







## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Announced DX**

#### **THE NEWCOMERS**

##### **DX tour by Brian M0NSI**

During a cruise aboard Celebrity Eclipse, Brian will do some land based operations:

**ZL, New Zealand** ZL/M0NSI January 26-February 7  
**VK7, Tasmania Australia** VK7/M0NSI February 7-16  
**VK2, Sydney Australia** VK2/M0NSI February 16-20  
**FK, New Caledonia** FK/M0NSI February 20-25  
**FO, Tahiti – Moorea** FO/M0NSI February 25-28  
**FO, Bora Bora** FO/M0NSI February 28-March 7  
**KH6, Hawaii** KH6/M0NSI March 8-13  
**JA, Japan** call pending March 14-17  
**5Z4, Kenya** license pending March 18-April 1

**4S, SRI LANKA** Peter, DC0KK/4S7KKG and Wolfgang DK7DR/4S7DRG will be operating from near Trincomalee between January 29 and February 7, 2023. QRV from 80 to 10 meter using FT4, FT8 and SSB. QSL via LoTW or bureau.

**6W, SENEGAL** Willy, ON4AVT will once again be QRV from Warang as 6W7/call. Activity from February 6 until March 31, 2023. Operating from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, digi and QO-100 sat. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS.

**J8, ST VINCENT and GRENADINES** Thomas, F4HPX will be active from several islands within St. Vincent and the Grenadines around March 2023 as J8/AG7JQ. No dates yet, but he will QRV mostly as a mobile station. Activity mainly in SSB with some FT8/FT4. QSL via home call direct or bureau.

#### **THE REMINDERS**

**3B7, ST BRANDON** Members of the OM7M contest club and CDPX (OM5ZW, OK6DJ, OM3PC, OM4MW, OK2ZA, OM3KAP & OM4MM) will be operating as 3B7M between February 24 and March 5, 2023. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via OK6DJ, Club Log OQRS.

**9M0, SPRATLY ISL** DX0NE is valid for a Dxpedition to Kalayaan, Spratly Islands sometime within the first 6 months of 2023. Team will be with Mike DU1XX, Jong DU3JA, Ed 4F1OZ and Gil 4F2KWT. No specific date(s) yet set for the expedition. License was issued to Gil, 4F2KWT.

**9Q, BURUNDI** Antonello, IK2DUW confirms there is a Dxpedition in preparation, sponsorship is

sought. More to follow.

**9U, BURUNDI** Elvira, IV3FSG will together with Vlad OK2WX be operating as 9U5R between February 4 and February 27. Operation from 80 to 6 meter (no 30m) using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via IK2DUW.

### On the scene...TN8K Congo



**9U, BURUNDI** Vlad, OK2WX will be active as 9U4WX between February 4 and February 27. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB (no 30m). QSL via IZ8CCW, Club Log OQRS and LoTW. <https://www.mdxc.support/9u4wx/>

**C5, THE GAMBIA** Team C5C will once again be active between February 14 and March 14, 2023. Operators are F5RAV, F5NVF and M0NPT. Operation on HF and possible QO-100.

**CY0, SABLE ISL** Permission for a Dxpedition has been authorized with the team: WA2DAN, N2IEN, K5DHY, K5YY, K4UEE, WW2DX, AA4NC, N8AA, N2TU. The CY0C Sable Island Dxpedition team will be active as CY0S during March 20-29, 2023.

<http://cy0dxpedition.net/index.html>

**E6, NIUE** Stan LZ1GC and Ivan LZ1PM will be operating as E6AM between October 10 and October 27. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Logsuploaded during the Dxpedition to Club Log. QSL via LZ1GC OQRS, direct or bureau.

**FG, GUADELOUPE** Philippe, F1DUZ will once again be active as FG4KH between February 15 and March 7. An entry in the REF SSB contest and ARRL SSB contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.



**FM, MARTINIQUE** Miguel, EA1BP will once again be QRV as FM/call and as TO7O between March 21 and March 28, 2023. An entry in the CQWPX SSB contest is included. Outside the contest he will be on WARC bands using SSB. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**FOO, AUSTRAL ISL** Haru, JA1XGI will be QRV as TX5XG during April 12-19. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW and digi. QSL via LoTW, Club Log OQRS or via home call.

<https://australvacation.amebaownd.com/>

**FO/M MARQUESAS ISL** Didier, F6BCW plans to be active again as TX7G sometime November 2023 but with a large team. More to follow.

**FP, ST PIERRE AND MIQUELON** The next trip to FP by KV1J is planned for June 27 until July 11, 2023. QRV in various contests throughout the period. Activity on 80-6m; CW, SSB, Digi.

**FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON** Chris, VO1CH updates DX-World that due to Covid-19, the TO5T DXpedition to St Pierre & Miquelon has been postponed sometime in 2023. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. <http://www.to5t.com/>

**FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA** Tom, KH0/KC0W informs: due to Covid this trip will be postponed. As soon the situation changes Tom will let us know when he departs Saipan.

**H4, SOLOMON ISLANDS** Bernard, DL2GAC will once again be active as H44MS from Manakwai Village (northern Malaita Isl). Activity from February 10 until May 8, 2023. Operation on HF using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

**HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL** Jim WB2REM, Chris VO1IDX, Mitch KH6M and Bob KE2D will be active from Santa Cruz as HD8M. Operation during March 1-11, 2023. QSL via WB2REM direct, OQRS, LoTW. <http://www.hd8m.com/index.html>



**HK0, SAN ANDRES ISL** For a 2 week period in May 2023 (dates to be announced), Renato will again be active from San Andres island as HK0/PY8WW.

**J7, DOMINICA** Laurent FM5BH and Yuri VE3DZ will be active as J79BH between February 20 and February 26. Activity from 160 to 40 meter using CW. QSL via FM5BH, LoTW or Club Log OQRS.

**J8, ST VINCENT** Gert, PA2LO will be active as J8/AJ4YX between February 11 and February 21, 2023. Operation during his spare time. An entry in the ARRL DX CW contest is included, besides the contest Gert will be mainly active using SSB and FT8.

**JD1, OGASAWARA** Members of the G-G Ham Club (JD1YCC) plan EME activity from Ogasawara island during February 7-13, 2022. Team includes: JP3EXR/JD1BPY Taka, JA1PFP/JD1BQB Taka, JJ3JHP/JD1BQD Hiro, JH3BUM/JD1BPX Masa, JH3QFL/JD1BQA Taki, JH3VAA/JD1BPI Mamo, JH3AZC/JD1BPW Kay. They will depart Tokyo by ship on February 5<sup>th</sup> arriving 24 hours later. On arrival they will undergo an onsite verification test by the Telecommunications bureau on February 7<sup>th</sup> to get the license for 160m to 23cm. <https://www.qrz.com/db/JD1YCC>

**JD1, OGASAWARA** Look for JD1BQP (JP1IHD) from Chichijima between April 29 and May 6, 2023. Operation mainly on HF using SSB. QSL via home call, direct.

**KH2, GUAM** Look once again for BJ as AH2/WA7WJR during the first week of March, 2023. <https://www.questsofdiscovery.com/dxpedition>

**KH8, SWAINS ISL** Due to the Covid-19 pandemic it is still impossible to travel to Swains

Island. Alex Jennings (owner of island) and the team will start planning again sometime 2023.

**OJO, MARKET REEF** Update by LB5SH: I'm planning a new Dxpedition to OJO Market Reef in Q2 2023, together with three other operators. We're planning to keep two stations active around the clock, for about seven days. We will also give VHF a shot this time – 6m, 4m, and maybe even 2m.

**PJ2, CURACAO** Andy, DK5ON will be operating as PJ2/call from March 4 until March 22, 2023 as PJ2/call. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call direct or bureau, LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

**PJ2, CURACAO** Bob AA1M, Steve W1SR and Mike W1USN will be active as PJ2/calls from February 20 until March 3, 2023. Operation on HF. QSL via homecalls, direct or buro, LoTW.

**PJ4, BONAIRE** Scott, NE9U will once again be operating as PJ4/call from February 11 until February 26, 2023. An entry in the ARRL DX contest is included as PJ4A (with K2NG, N9TTK and W9RE). QSL for PJ4A via K4BAI, PJ4/homecalls via LoTW.

**PJ5, ST EUSTATIUS** John, W5JON will be QRV as PJ5/call during March 28 and April 4, 2023. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via direct or LoTW.

**PJ7, ST MAARTEN** Tom, AA9A will once again be operating as PJ7AA between March 4 and April 1, 2023. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSO will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log.

### **Gili Ketapang Island, OC-237**



**PJ7, SINT MAARTEN** Gary, KC9EE will be operating as PJ7/call from Oyster Pond area. QRV during March 1 and March 7, 2023 from 20 to 10 meter using QRP CW. QSL via home call.

**V4, ST KITTS** V47JA will again be active from his Calypso Bay vacation home, located 300 feet from the Caribbean Sea, from January 31 to February 15, 2023. QSL via W5JON or via LoTW.

**VK9C, COCOS KEELING ISL** Nobby, G0VJG will be operating during February 17-24, 2023 as VK9CVG. Operation with a FT-857 and a Butternut HF6V antenna. More to follow.

**VP2M, MONTSERRAT** Look for the EIDX group as VP2MEI around March 23 and April 2. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. More to follow.

**VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL** Look for VP2V/AA7V during the ARRL DX CW contest (Febr 18-19). Steve will then be operating from Tortola, outside the contest he will be QRV during some spare time using FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL** Dave, W9DR will be active as VP2V/call from Anegada Isl during June 23-29, 2023. Operation on 6 meter only using FT8, CW and SSB. QSL via QRZ.com information.

**VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL** Dario, KP4DO will be operating from Tortola as VP2V/call. Dates not yet mentioned. More to follow.

**VP5, TURKS & CAICOS** John, N9EAJ will be operating as VP5/call between March 8 and March 22, 2023. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, Club Log and LoTW.

**XU, CAMBODIA** This Dxpedition had been due to take place during March, however since many of the team were from Ukraine it's clear it had to be postponed. Juris YL2GM, team leader



explains: My team planned expedition XU7AKT in March. The expedition had to be cancelled due to the war in Ukraine. However, Latvian Radiosport Federation supports Ukraine during these tough times and invites radio amateurs around the world to join this support by donating. More info can be found on the LRSF homepage: <https://www.lral.lv/lrsf/index.html>

**YJ, VANUATU** Bob W7YAAQ and Al K7AR will be operating as YJ0A between February 9 and February 23, 2023. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. A Multi Single effort for the ARRL CW DX Contest is planned. Logs will be uploaded daily to Club log. QSL via OQRS, LoTW or K7AR.

**YJ, VANUATU** A team with NC7M (YJ0TT), K6VHF (YJ0NA), W6UC (YJ0UC) and NG7E (YJ0ET) will be QRV from Port Vila in October 2023 (exact dates to be confirmed). Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi + 23cm EME.

**YJ, VANUATU** A team with N4VGE as team leader will be active for 2 weeks in December 2024. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and digi with an entry in the ARRL 10m contest on December 14-15. More to follow.

**YN, NICARAGUA** Robert, DL7VOA will be QRV from Guacalito de la Isla as YN5AO. Dates are still in planning phase due to COVID. Operation in 'holiday-style' with a focus on the low bands. QSL via Club Log OQRS. <https://www.qrz.com/db/YN5AO>

### About Bouvet...Many have tried before...

Year	Time	Call	QSOs	Operation
1962	Nov	LH4C	5000	Gus Browning, W4BPD, QRV but not on Island
1968		3Y0AB		Don Miller, W9WNV, no go
1977		3Y1VC	27	John Snuggerud, LA1VC
1977		3Y3CC	5	Audun Hjelle, LA3CC
1978	Dec/Jan	3Y5DQ	550	Thore Winsnes, LA5DQ
1979	Jan/Mar	3Y1VC	1930	John Snuggerud, LA1VC
1981		3Y0A		Hans Hannapel, DK9KX, no go
				Kent Larsson, SM7DSE/7S8AAA, QRV 05-10 March. Operation cancelled due to bad WX that prevented a helicopter landing.
1988	Mar	3Y0FP		
1988		3Y0B		W9RF & Group, no go
				Club Bouvet, LA1EE-Einar, LA2GV-Kare, JF1IST-Jin,
1989	Dec/Jan	3Y5X	49091	HB9AHL-Willy, F2CW-Jacky
1993	May	3Y/R0L		Not Approved
1994	??	KC4/N4GCK		Not Approved
1997	Feb	3Y2GV	200	Kare Pedersen, LA2GV
2001	Dec/Mar	3Y0C	8000	Chuck Brady, N4BQW
2007	Dec	3Y/ZS6GCM		Petrus Kritzinger, ZS6GCM
2007	Dec/Feb	3Y0E	1500	Petrus Kritzinger, ZS6GCM
2009	May	3Y0Q		Pirate, said QSL via LA7AF
2017		3Y0G		Mark Demeuleneere, ON4WW, not enough funds
2017		3Y0F		Alex Lebedev, UN7PCZ
2017		3Y0I		Dom Grzyb, 3Z9DX, no go, lack of operators
2018		3Y0H		Dmitri Zhikharov, RA9USU
2018		3Y0Z		20 Operators

# **IOTA**

## **THE NEWCOMERS**

### **OCEANIA**

**OC-237 Gili Ketapang Isl** Huzen, YE3BYE/P will be QRV between May 15 and May 21, 2023. Operation on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB. QSL via home call, LoTW.

## **THE REMINDERS**

### **ASIA**

**AS-107 Samet Isl** E20AX/p has had to postpone the activation of Samet Island that was originally scheduled for 8-10 January 2022 because of the Omicron outbreak. A new date is yet to be set.

### **EUROPE**

**EU-189 Isle of Rockall** The Rockall expedition is now scheduled to leave from Inverkip Marina, Greenock, Scotland May 26. This is a charity event (details below) and the plan is to spend a week on the rock. Amateur Radio operation is planned for part of the stay.

### **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-049 Providencia Isl** HK3EA/5J01EA and HK3MKQ/5K0VT will be active during February 27 to March 5, 2023. QSL via LoTW, QRZ.com.

**NA-057 Roatan Isl** Alex K6VHF will once again be QRV as call/HR9 between February 8 and February 15, 2023. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW, home call.

**NA-122 Isla Cabras** Team members of Loma del Toro DX Club will be operating as HI0LT during March 12-19, 2023. Operation from 160 to 2 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via EB7DX.

**NA-249 Culebra Isl** Team KP3RE will once again be active during February 17-19, 2023. This will be a combined IOTA, POTA, SOTA, BOTA & USI activity. QSL via EA5GL.

### **OCEANIA**

**OC-139 Troubridge Isl** Look for VK5PAS, VK5MAZ, VK5FR, VK2YK, VK5LA and VK5HS as VK5TIL on February 7-9, 2023. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8.

## **Antarctic Base**

**Base Dumont d'Urville** FT4YL

**Base Concordia** FT4YM/P

**Base Little Dome C** FT4YM/P

**Base Cape Prud'homme** FT4YM/P

Mehdi, F5PFP informs that David **FT4YM** is again QRV from Antarctica during the next summer campaign (March 2023).

**Amundsen-Scott Station** George KJ4CHT is the overwintering doctor at Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station, Antarctica. He's a newcomer to the ham radio hobby (previously only having local FM QSO experience), however is becoming familiar with remote set up, using **Ham Radio Deluxe** logbook, and is looking forward to trying HF bands soon. QSL manager, Bill K7MT, suggests George will be on air soon (next 7-10 days) and most likely 20 SSB. Callsign to look out for: **KC4AAA**

**Halley VI base** Seba, SQ1SGB is active from 75° 35' 00" S, 26° 34' 00" W – Loc: HB64RK. Halley Research Station is a research facility on the Brunt Ice Shelf operated by the British Antarctic Survey (*tnx F8DVD*).

**Maitri Base Station** Sunny, VU2CUW is active from the Indian Maitri Base (70°46'S – 11° 43'E). When time permits he will QRV on HF bands using AT42I callsign – 42<sup>nd</sup> scientific expedition. More info to follow..

**Novolazarevskaya Station** Look for Oleg, ZS1OIN as RI1ANU from Novolazarevskaya Station, Antarctica. QRV on HF bands when time permits using IC-7300, amplifier and beam antennas. QSL via H/c.

**Palmer Station** For the 2022/23 US-Antarctic scientific season, there's a new ham operator based at Palmer Station, Anvers Island, AN-012. Look out for Cody running KC4AAC on the HF bands when time permits. There is a tri-band antenna at the station. QSL via K7MT.

**Vostok Station** Look out for Alex UG1A (ex.RD1AV), Ivan UB1AQB and Zahar (ex.UH4NAE) to be

active during their spare time (January 1 to March 31, 2023) from Vostok Station, Antarctica as RI1ANC and/or RI30ANT (30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Russian Robinson Club). RI1ANC QSL via RN1ON. RI30ANT QSL via RZ3EC.

## **Special calls**

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**7X, ALGERIA 7U7C** is the special callsign for members of the 7X2VFK Radio Club to mark the 7<sup>th</sup> African Nations Championship, the biennial football (soccer) tournament organized by the Confederation of African Football to be held in Algeria between 13 January and 4 February. (TNX 425DX)

**7X, ALGERIA** Members of the radio club **7X2VFK** will be active with the special event callsign 7U7C around the Africa Cup of Nations football tournament (Jan. 13 - Feb. 2). QSL direct via qrz.com. (TNX DXNL)

**F, FRANCE TM100DOR** (op. Thierry, F4GVO) and W9DOR celebrate the centennial of Door County Amateur Radio Club (Wisconsin) until the end of the month. (TNX DXNL)

**LY, LITHUANIA** The special event station **LY700VLN** (ops LY1CG, LY1LB, LY2BVB, LY2IJ, LY2QT, LY2XW, LY2PX, LY4NZ, LY4Q, LY8O) celebrates the 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lithuania's capital Vilnius until the end of January. QSL via LY4Q. (TNX DXNL)

**TA, TURKEY** Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the proclamation of the Republic of Turkey (29 October 1923), the Turkish Radio Amateurs Association (TRAC) will operate special callsigns **TC100**, **TC100TA**, **TC100TR** and **TC100YEAR** throughout 2023. (TNX 425DX)

**On the scene...3Y0J Bouvet, team on the move**



### **THE REMINDERS**

**9A, CROATIA 9A66AA** is the special callsign that Tom, 9A2AA is using throughout 2023 to mark his 66th year in amateur radio. QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX)

**DL, GERMANY DR45HAAN** is the special callsign for DARC's Ortsverband Haan (R24) to celebrate their 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary until September 30, 2023. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards via DL7ET. (TNX 425DX)

**DL, GERMANY** The German section of the International Federation of Railway Radio Amateurs will put their new club callsign **DL0OF** on the air with the special DOK MKO until Jan. 25. QSL via bureau and DL4CR (d). (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY DR100XRAY** commemorates the 100th anniversary of the death of Wilhelm Roentgen, inventor of the X-rays and winner of the Nobel Prize for physics in 1901. QRV until the



end of June 2023. QSL via bureau or direct. (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY** Celebrating "100 years of broadcasting in Germany", special callsign **DB100RDF** is in use during 2023. QSL via the bureau, or direct to DO2PZ. The first official radio entertainment programme in Germany was broadcast on 29 October 1923. (TNX 425DX)

**GM, SCOTLAND** Special event station **GB2KW** is active again until January 28 from near Inverness, Scotland using vintage equipment manufactured by KW Electronics Ltd during the 1960s and 1970s. QSL via LoTW. Also active from England, especially over the "KW Weekend" (7-8 January), are expected to be **GB0KWD**, **GB4KW**, **GB5KW** and **GB8KW**. (TNX 425DX)

**HA, HUNGARY** The following special event stations mark the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Hungarian poet Sandor Petofi until March 15: **HG200AN**, **HG200DO**, **HG200EF**, **HG200IR**, **HG200OT** und **HG200PS**. QRV on HF on CW, SSB, and FT8. An award is available as well. QSL via Club Log, LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

**HH, HAITI** Special event station **HH75RCH** will be QRV from Port-au-Prince, Haïti until May 1 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Radio Club D'Haïti. QRV on HF bands, QSL via N200. (TNX 425DX)

### On the scene...ST HELENA ZD7CTO



**I, ITALY** The ARI section Fidenza ([www.arifidenza.it](http://www.arifidenza.it)) runs a "Marconi was here!" award programme throughout 2023 to mark important steps and locations in Marconi's career and in the development of wireless technology:

January: **II4TRN**; TURIN: air - ground radio communication experiments (1915)

February: **II4STL**; SESTRI LEVANTE (GE): Demostation of blind navigation by means of radio beacons (1934)

March: **II4ANC**; ANCONA: radio communication experiments with Poldhu station (Cornwall) (1904)

April: **II4BRI**; BARI: inauguration of the first Italian radiotelegraphic station with commercial purposes (1904)

May: **II4GNV**; GENOVA: switch on of the lighting system in Sidney by means of a radio beacon (1930)

June: **II4SSM**; SASSO MARCONI (BO): at Villa Griffone, first wireless contact in history (1895)

July: **II4SPZ**; LA SPEZIA: experiments with the Italian military Navy (1897)

August: **II4GAR**; GOLFO ARANCI (SS): Short Wave contact with Rocca di Papa (Rome) 1932)

September: **II4CGD**; CASTEL GANDOLFO (ROME): inauguration of the microwave full - duplex system with the Vatican (1933)

October: **II4SML**; S. MARGHERITA LIGURE (GE): microwave RTX experiments (1931)

November: **II4CLT**; COLTANO (PI): inauguration of the first Italian intercontinental radiotelegraphic station (1911)

December: **II4CDV**; CITTA' DEL VATICANO: inauguration of the Vatican radio station (1931)

For QSL information see [qrz.com](http://qrz.com). An award, based on contacts with these stations, is also available.(TNX DXNL)

**LA, NORWAY LA100K** is the special callsign for the Akademisk Radioklubb, LA1K to celebrate the 100th anniversary since its foundation. Based in Trondheim, it is the oldest amateur radio club in Norway. The special callsign is in use during 2023. QSL via the bureau, or direct. (TNX 425DX)

**LY, LITHUANIA LY1923KK** commemorates the uprising of the Klaipeda region 100 years ago from Jan. 10 until Feb. 10. QSL via bureau or direct. (TNX DXNL)

**LZ, BULGARIA** Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns during 2023 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ319TS** (January and February), **LZ522ME** (March and April), **LZ78KA** (May and June), **LZ1015RW** (July and August), **LZ288MS** (September and October), and **LZ600PA** (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2023 Award" can be found at <https://www.lz1kcp.com/>. (TNX 425DX)

**OE, AUSTRIA OE40XTU** is the special callsign for OE1XTU, the Amateur Radio Club at TU Wien (the Vienna University of Technology), to celebrate its 40th anniversary during 2023. QSL via LoTW and eQSL (preferred), paper cards to be requested via Club Log's OQRS will be sent in early 2024. (TNX 425DX)

### Back in time..3C5XA Equatorial Guinea 2003



**ON, BELGIUM OQ95RCL** is the special callsign for Radio Club Leuven (ON4CP) to celebrate its 95th anniversary throughout 2023. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, bureau, or direct to ON3AR. (TNX 425DX)

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS** Celebrating New Year, special calls **PH23HNY** will be QRV until end January. QSL cards will not be available. (TNX 425DX)

Huizen and Rotterdam). QSL via PB2X.

**SM, SWEDEN 8S80AA** is the special callsign for the Vasteras Radio Klubb, SK5AA to celebrate its 80th anniversary throughout 2023. More information can be found on <https://www.sk5aa.se/>. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), via the bureau to SK5AA, or direct to SM5FUG. (TNX 425DX)

**SP, POLAND** Special stations **SP90ENIGMA** (QSL via SP3PGR) and **SP90ENG** (QSL via SP3PDO) are active until 15 January to mark the 90th anniversary since Polish cryptologists first broke the Enigma cipher. (TNX 425DX)

**VK, AUSTRALIA VI75G** is the callsign for the Geelong Amateur Radio Club to celebrate its 75th anniversary throughout 2023. QSL via LoTW and eQSL, or via VK3ATL (direct and bureau). (TNX 425DX)

**VR, HONG KONG** In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, radio amateurs in Hong Kong are permitted to use the special call prefix "**VR25**" until end June.

**VU, INDIA** Special event station **AT18BSG** will be activated on 1-15 January for The 18th National Jamboree of Bharat Scouts and Guides to be held in Pali, Rajasthan. QSL via VU2NRO. (TNX 425DX)

**VU, INDIA** Once again the West Bengal Radio Club (VU2WB) will provide assistance during the



Ganga Sagar Mela on Sagar Island (AS-153). This is the annual gathering of Hindu pilgrims to take a holy dip in the Ganges, where the river merges with the Bay of Bengal. Expect some activity on the HF bands as **AT2WBRC** on 5-17 January.

**YO, ROMANIA YR1400VT** is the special callsigns that members of Radio Club YO6KGS will be using until 30 June 2023 to popularize the newly inaugurated Via Transilvanica, a long-distance trail (1400 km) used for hiking, cycling and horse riding that crosses Romania. (TNX 425DX)

**W, USA** The Straight Key Century Club's annual on-air event, commemorating the club's founding in 2006 and celebrating the original instruments of early radiotelegraphy (straight key, bug and cootie keys), will run on 2-31 January. Look for **K3Y** to be aired from the ten US call areas (**K3Y/0 through K3Y/9**), plus **/KH6**, **/KL7** and **/KP4**. Information about the event and QSLing instructions can be found on <https://skccgroup.com/k3y/k3y.php>. (TNX 425DX)

### **Qinshan Island, AS-135 (BY)**



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